

THE CRESCENT CITY NEWS.

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One of the most beautiful locations in Florida is in the southwestern part of Putnam county, 15 miles from Palatka, and is reached by either steamer or railroad. Crescent City is a high ground which rises gradually from the west bank of Crescent Lake, a beautiful sheet of clear water 15 miles in length and from three to five miles in width. The place is well laid out in town and grove lots, but the most beautiful feature is the fact that the former constitutes a portion of the town and the latter a portion of the grove. The water of Crescent Lake is pure and is kept absolutely perfect drainage. The water of Crescent Lake is pure and is kept absolutely perfect drainage. The water of Crescent Lake is pure and is kept absolutely perfect drainage.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Presbyterian church was entertained on Friday afternoon by Mrs. J. L. Burton. Miss Jessie Burton also entertained the young people in the evening of the same day.

Chas. S. Gowen of Jacksonville, passenger traffic manager of the Beach & Miller Line, was in town over Sunday, when he made an excursion to his island grove property on Lake Crescent. Mr. Gowen states that he will have several hundred boxes of oranges and grapefruit, all of which is now in a most promising condition.

Mr. and Mrs. James A. Close and Miss Elizabeth Close will leave for Jacksonville on the Crescent tomorrow morning, from which place Miss Close will take the Clyde steamer sailing for New York on Monday, and at which latter place she will resume her duties in the College of Music. Mr. and Mrs. Close expect to return home the early part of next week.

Mrs. J. L. Burton and Miss Jessie left for Tampa last Monday, at which place Mr. Burton is reported quite ill with jaundice. Mrs. Burton expects to rent her home in the winter season, furnished, but expects to occupy it during the summer season. She states that Mr. Burton had gotten started in his new business at Cortez, but becoming ill, came to Tampa for treatment. Miss Jessie expects to enter the Tampa High School for the fall term.

Mrs. Jake Burk of Tampa, who has been the guest of Mrs. J. L. Burton the past two months left for home on Monday. Mrs. Burk formerly lived here and the family is well-known to all older citizens. Her son Frank Burk of New York, in the government secret service, was the officer who made the arrest of Green and Gaynor at Montreal in connection with the government frauds in the Savannah harbor improvements.

Jane Solomon an aged and worthy colored woman whose home is situated in the extreme western end of Babylon suburb, is dangerously ill and at the time of this writing (Monday) is not expected to live. Jane Solomon was for many years the trusted servant of the late Mrs. K. B. Huntington, and up to a short time before her death that good lady considered it next to impossible to keep house without her Jane. She was a faithful servant throughout a long and useful life, but her last days have been filled with suffering, through all of which she has not passed comfortless.

Crescent City society is just now, in the absence of a more important issue, pretty well torn up over the troubles of "Uncle" John and "Aunt" Nancy Madison, the ancient colored couple who are doing the Kilkenny cat act in the courts. The social division among the people does not appear to be upon any previously constructed factional lines, and it is just possible that a new order of things political and social may be brought about through the troubles of this ancient colored couple. To be either a "Nancy" man or a "John" man is now the proper career, and those who have taken no interest in the battles should immediately proceed to "line up" on one side or the other.

Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Thompson of Huntington arrived here via the steamer Crescent on Tuesday of last week and the following day went to their home in Huntington. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson have been in the north for several months where Mr. Thompson has had treatment for falling eyesight, and which, the News is distressed to learn, has proved of little or no benefit. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson have hosts of friends all through this section who will also be grieved to learn that Mr. Thompson has not received the hoped for benefit. An allwise province may hide the sunlight from Mr. Thompson's vision, but that power will never rob him, while life lasts, of that stored up sunshine which fills his heart and soul and which so radiates that all who enter his presence are made to feel that they are better for the contact. May this "light affliction which is but for a moment" work out for him a "far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory."

C. L. Bunting, agent of the Southern Railway at Jacksonville, spent Sunday in this place as the guest of Capt. J. W. Miller and Mr. R. O. Burton. Mr. Bunting but recently came to the state from Virginia, and this is his first visit to the interior of the state and his first view of bearing orange trees. During his stay Capt. Miller and Mr. Burton took him all about the place and through the various grove properties, all that was needed to make their guest an enthusiastic supporter of Crescent City. To gain the friendship of a man of Mr. Bunting's prominence in railway circles is no small advantage to any place. To be sure there are other beautiful spots in Florida to which Mr. Bunting will in future have his attention called, but Crescent City, as regards its natural beauties of situation, health, and general attractiveness was never yet afraid of comparison. Mr. Bunting saw the great number of coming orange groves together with those now laden with fruit, and to the News stated that the sight was one that he would long remember, as well as the beautiful river trip to and from the place to Jacksonville.

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